

MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDMENTS MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1, 3, 4 and 11 are amended herein as follows:

1. (Amended) A web transfer mechanism for providing, in a flexible sheet material dispenser, automatic transfer of web feed from a working roll to a reserve roll, comprising:

a main feed roller and a second roller forming a feed nip for receiving therethrough a sheet material web;

a sensing mechanism including a [sensor plate] web-sensing member movable between a web-present position and a web-absent position, said [sensor plate] web-sensing member resting, in the web-present position, on a pre-feed portion of sheet material web spaced from the working roll and extending between the working roll and the nip, and being biased towards the web-absent position;

a stop arm, said stop arm being mounted for movement between first and second positions, responsive to movement of said [sensor plate] web-sensing member; and

a transfer arm mounted adjacent to the main feed roller, said transfer arm being biased toward and movable into a transfer position, wherein movement of the transfer arm into the transfer position is operative to drive a leading end portion of sheet material web extending from said reserve roll into the vicinity of the feed nip such that upon driving of the main feed roller, the web from the reserve roll is carried through the feed nip, the transfer arm being held in a set position by the stop arm when said stop arm is in the first position, and being released from the set position to move to said transfer position upon said stop arm moving into said second position.

3. (Amended) The web transfer mechanism of claim 1, wherein said web-sensing member comprises a sensor plate that is pivotably mounted adjacent a first edge thereof, and a second edge opposite said first edge contacts said pre-feed portion of sheet material web.

4. (Amended) A web transfer mechanism for providing, in a flexible sheet material dispenser, automatic transfer of web feed from a working roll to a reserve roll, comprising:

a main feed roller and a second roller forming a feed nip for receiving therethrough a sheet material web;

a sensing mechanism including a sensor plate movable between a web-present position and a web-absent position, said sensor plate resting, in the web-present position, on a pre-feed portion of sheet material web extending between the working roll and the nip, and being biased towards the web-absent position;

a stop arm, said stop arm being mounted for movement between first and second positions, responsive to movement of said sensor plate; and

a transfer arm mounted adjacent to the main feed roller, said transfer arm being biased toward and movable into a transfer position, wherein movement of the transfer arm into the transfer position is operative to drive a leading end portion of sheet material web extending from said reserve roll into the vicinity of the feed nip such that upon driving of the main feed roller, the web from the reserve roll is carried through the feed nip, the transfer arm being held in a set position by the stop arm when said stop arm is in the first position, and being released from the set position to move to said transfer position upon said stop arm moving into said second position, wherein

said sensor plate is pivotably mounted adjacent a first edge thereof, and a second edge opposite said first edge contacts said pre-feed portion of sheet material web, and

[The web transfer mechanism of claim 3, wherein] chassis components of said dispenser form a receptacle for retaining a working stub roll, and said sensor plate extends across, and forms a movable cover over, said receptacle.

11. (Amended) The web transfer mechanism of claim 1, wherein said stop arm includes a coupling end, a stop end and an intermediate pivot axis, said coupling end being depressed to said second position by the [sensor plate] web-sensing member moving into the web-absent position, said stop end being disposed to maintain the transfer arm in a set position spaced from said main feed roller when the stop arm is in said first position.